

AN ACT relating to colon cancer prevention and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 214.542 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The program shall provide colon cancer screening for uninsured and underinsured individuals who are eligible based upon the current American Cancer Society Colorectal Cancer Screening Guidelines~~[age fifty (50) to sixty four (64) and other uninsured individuals determined to be at high risk for developing colon cancer].~~
- (2) Services provided under the program may be undertaken by private contract for services or operated by the department. The program may also provide referral, examination, treatment, and rescreening services for the benefit of uninsured and underinsured individuals for whom further examination or treatment is indicated by the colon cancer screening.
- (3) The department ~~shall~~~~may~~ adopt a schedule of income-based fees that may~~to~~ be charged for colon cancer screening, examination, treatment, and rescreening for uninsured and underinsured individuals. The schedule adopted shall be such that the screening is affordable and accessible to the largest possible number of uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout the Commonwealth.
- (4) The department may accept any grant or award of funds from federal or private sources for carrying out the provisions of this section.
- (5) The department shall establish a data collection system to document the number of individuals screened, the demographic characteristics of the individuals screened, and the types of colon cancer screening tests, examinations, treatments, and rescreening services performed under the program.
- (6) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to implement the provisions of this section, including:
 - (a) A schedule of income-based fees that may be charged for colon cancer screening, examination, treatment, and rescreening as required by

subsection (3) of this section; and

(b) A data collection system as required by subsection (5) of this section.

➔Section 2. Whereas timely colon cancer screening for uninsured and underinsured individuals is important for the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.